



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**GAIL FARBER, Director**

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March 16, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

34 MARCH 16, 2010

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE  
EMERGENCY CONTRACTS FOR THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009 WILDFIRES  
AND THE RESULTING DAMAGE FROM THE 2010 WINTER RAINSTORMS  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(4 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works to continue to negotiate emergency contracts, without advertising for bids, for repair and construction projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms and prepare and execute these contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the County of Los Angeles.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that actions, repair and construction projects, needed to respond to the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Find that there is a need to continue to authorize the Director of Public Works to negotiate emergency contracts, in an amount not to exceed a total of \$25 million and without advertising for bids, for repair and construction projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms pursuant to Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code and prepare and execute these contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the County of Los Angeles.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On September 8, 2009, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works (Director) to negotiate and execute emergency construction contracts, without advertising for bids, for repair and construction projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms. In accordance with the Public Contract Code, your Board must review the necessity of these emergency contracting procedures every 14 days. The recommended action is to authorize the Director to continue to negotiate and execute the necessary emergency contracts.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). This action will result in the expedited repair of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) facilities damaged by the wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms whereby the residents of the County will benefit and their quality of life will be improved.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Funding for the emergency contracts is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund and Flood Fund Budgets. Public Works is seeking reimbursement under Federal and State disaster assistance programs for the work. The estimated total cost associated with the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms is \$49.0 million of which we have expended or encumbered \$24.8 million through February 28, 2010. We have used \$4.8 million of emergency contract encumbrance authority and plan to use an additional \$11 million in April 2010.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Station, Morris, and Rancho Palos Verdes Fires caused significant damage to facilities and roads throughout the County of Los Angeles (County), primarily within the Angeles National Forest. On August 28, 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared that a State of Emergency exists within Los Angeles County and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the County proclaimed and declared that a local emergency exists within the County. At its meeting on September 1, 2009, your Board ratified the CEO's declaration of a local emergency.

On September 8, 2009, Agenda Item 61-A, your Board adopted a motion and resolution finding that an emergency situation existed that required immediate measures be undertaken to repair the damage, restore access to homes and businesses, and prevent and reduce potential flooding and damage due to mudflows. Your Board also authorized the Director to negotiate and execute emergency construction contracts for damage repairs in an amount not to exceed \$25 million. In accordance with Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code, your Board must review the necessity of these emergency contracting procedures every 14 days. Rainstorms in the burn areas have created a continuing need to enter into contracts on an emergency basis to repair the damage,

restore access to homes and businesses, and prevent and reduce potential flooding and damage due to the mudflows. The aforementioned motion also required that Public Works provide written reports to the Board every two weeks concerning the status of all projects and the amount of funds expended. Enclosed is the latest status report for your reference.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The actions, projects, and repairs needed to respond to the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms are statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 21080 (b) (2), (3), and (4) of the California Public Resources Code, which exempt emergency repairs, actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, and projects arising out of a state of emergency declared by the Governor.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action will allow the Director to continue to negotiate contracts for the repair and construction of projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

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RECOVERY REPORT FOR THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009 WILDFIRES AND  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010 RAINSTORMS  
MARCH 3, 2010**

**DAMAGE ESTIMATES AND EXPEDITURE INFORMATION**

**August/September 2009 Wildfires**

The cost estimates for damage repair and hazard mitigation activities are currently \$10.3 million and \$11.6 million, respectively, as shown on Attachment A. At this time, it is estimated that \$10.4 million of the damage repair and hazard mitigation expenditures will potentially be reimbursed by the California Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Highway Administration. The current list of emergency contracts totaling \$15.8 million is shown on Attachment B. Expenditures as of February 28, 2010, are as follows:

Total Expenditures (including overtime)	\$ 11,668,185
Total Encumbrances	2,316,146
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Total Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 13,984,331
Total Overtime	\$ 894,277

**January/February 2010 Rainstorms**

The cost estimates for damage repair and hazard mitigation activities are currently \$15.0 million and \$12.2 million, respectively, as shown on Attachment C. At this time, it is estimated that \$17.9 million of the damage repair and hazard mitigation expenditures will potentially be reimbursed by the California Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Highway Administration. Expenditures as of February 28, 2010, are as follows:

Total Expenditures (including overtime)	\$ 4,630,998
Total Encumbrances	6,145,189
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Total Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 10,776,187
Total Overtime	\$ 950,070

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**ROAD CLOSURES**

Attachment D is a listing of road closures and estimated reopening dates for unincorporated County areas. This listing appears on Public Works' website at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov>. Please note that there are other road closures shown on the list that are not related to the August/September 2009 Wildfires or January/February 2010 rainstorms.

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**RECOVERY REPORT FOR THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009 WILDFIRES**  
**MARCH 3, 2010**

County Funds						
<b>Total Damage Estimates</b>	<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Disaster Assistance (High Probability)</b>	<b>Disaster Assistance (Possible)</b>	<b>Road Construction Program (SD5)</b>	<b>Road Fund (O&amp;M)</b>	<b>Flood Fund (O&amp;M)</b>
<b>Transportation</b>						
Guardrail Repair and Replacement	\$ 3,120,000	\$ 2,392,000	\$ 389,000	\$ 339,000	\$ -	\$ -
Signing and Striping Replacement/Restoration	212,000	205,000	-	-	7,000	-
Road Shoulder, Culvert, and Tree Debris Removal	5,200,000	3,542,000	387,000	-	1,271,000	-
Miscellaneous (Catch Basin, Headwall Repairs)	5,000	4,000	-	1,000	-	-
<b>Transportation Subtotal</b>	<b>8,537,000</b>	<b>6,143,000</b>	<b>776,000</b>	<b>340,000</b>	<b>1,278,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Public Works Buildings</b>						
Office and Crew Quarters at RD 557A Subyard	1,215,000	900,000	-	-	315,000	-
<b>Public Works Buildings Subtotal</b>	<b>1,215,000</b>	<b>900,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>315,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Communication Systems</b>						
San Gabriel Dam	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,000
Pacoima Dam	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000
Big Tujunga Dam	150,000	28,000	-	-	-	122,000
<b>Communication Systems Subtotal</b>	<b>195,000</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>167,000</b>
<b>Flood Control</b>						
Repair Electrical System at Morris Dam	100,000	75,000	-	-	-	25,000
Repair Electrical System at Big Tujunga Dam	262,000	148,000	-	-	-	114,000
Repair/Replace Rain Gauges and Repeaters	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,000
<b>Flood Control Subtotal</b>	<b>377,000</b>	<b>223,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>154,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,324,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,293,000</b>	<b>776,000</b>	<b>\$ 340,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,593,000</b>	<b>\$ 321,000</b>
<b>Roadway Culvert Upgrades and Debris Basin Cleanouts/Modifications Necessitated by the Fires</b>						
<b>Transportation</b>						
Road Culvert Inlet Upgrades	\$ 1,429,000	990,000	245,000	194,000	-	-
Errrosion Barriers (K-rails - Unincorporated Area)	615,000	530,000	-	85,000	-	-
<b>Transportation Subtotal</b>	<b>2,044,000</b>	<b>1,520,000</b>	<b>245,000</b>	<b>279,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Flood Control</b>						
Debris Basin Cleanout	1,901,000	1,000	-	-	-	1,900,000
Debris Basin Modification and Expansion	5,746,000	343,000	-	-	-	5,403,000
		210,000				
Erosion Barriers (K-rails - City of La Canada)	300,000	210,000	-	-	-	90,000
Miscellaneous Damages/Repairs	391,000	-	-	-	-	391,000
Engineering Advice and Investigation	1,170,000	-	-	-	-	1,170,000
<b>Flood Control Subtotal</b>	<b>9,508,000</b>	<b>554,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,954,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,552,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,074,000</b>	<b>245,000</b>	<b>\$ 279,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8,954,000</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,876,000</b>	<b>\$ 9,368,000</b>	<b>1,021,000</b>	<b>\$ 619,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,593,000</b>	<b>\$ 9,275,000</b>

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works**  
**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009 WILDFIRES AND THE RESULTING DAMAGES FROM THE 2010 WINTER RAINSTORMS**  
**EMERGENCY CONTRACTS**

ID	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK	CONTRACT COST	CONSTRUCTION	
				START DATE	COMPLETION DATE
1	Station Fire - Angeles Forest Highway & Aliso Canyon Road Guardrail Replacement	Guardrail Restoration.	\$ 696,000	October 6, 2009	March 2010 (Estimated)
2	Station Fire - Big Tujunga Canyon Road Guardrail Replacement	Guardrail Restoration.	\$ 532,000	October 13, 2009	March 2010 (Estimated)
3	Station Fire - Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road Guardrail Replacement	Guardrail Restoration.	\$ 705,000	October 19, 2009	January 25, 2010
4	Angeles Forest Highway - Station Fire Culvert Improvement Project	Construct trash racks or standpipes in culvert inlet areas within MD 5.	\$ 246,000	December 2, 2009	January 11, 2010
5	Big Tujunga Canyon Road - Station Fire Culvert Improvement Project	Construct trash racks or standpipes in culvert inlet areas within MD 5.	\$ 211,000	December 1, 2009	January 15, 2010
6	Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road - Station Fire Culvert Improvement Project	Construct trash racks or standpipes in culvert inlet areas within MD 5.	\$ 299,000	December 2, 2009	February 25, 2010
7	Tree Removal	Remove burned/dead trees within County roadways in MD 5.	\$ 550,000	September 2009	December 19, 2009
8	Mill Creek Bridge - Bridge Rail and Approach Guardrail Replacement	Repair and replace fire damaged bridge railing and approach guardrails at the Mill Creek Bridge at Angeles Forest Highway.	\$ 230,000	February 2010	March 2010 (Estimated)
9	Misc As-Needed Contracts	Disposal services; facility sweeping	\$ 1,300,000	November 2009	May 2010 (Estimated)
<b>SUBTOTAL ENCUMBERED CONTRACTS</b>			<b>\$ 4,769,000</b>		
10	Debris Basin Expansions	Provide additional capacity at the Big Briar, Mullaly, Snover, Pickens, Starfall, Pinelawn, and Rowley Debris Basins.	\$ 5,000,000	April 2010 (Estimated)	October 2010 (Estimated)
11	Haul Trucks	Debris Removal	\$ 6,000,000	April 2010 (Estimated)	June 2010 (Estimated)
<b>SUBTOTAL FUTURE CONTRACTS</b>			<b>\$ 11,000,000</b>		
<b>TOTAL CONTRACTS</b>			<b>\$ 15,769,000</b>		

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**RECOVERY REPORT FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010 RAINSTORMS**  
**MARCH 3, 2010**

County Funds							
Total Damage Estimates	Total Estimated Cost	Disaster Assistance (High Probability)	Disaster Assistance (Possible)	Road Construction Program (SD5)	Road Construction Program (SD3)	Road Fund (O&M)	Flood Fund (O&M)
<b>Transportation</b>							
Road Shoulder and Culvert Debris Removal and Emergency Protection Measures	\$ 12,054,000	\$ 6,338,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,716,000	\$ -
Guardrail Repair and Culvert Inlet Repair	213,000	201,000	-	11,000	-	-	-
Roadway and Shoulder Repair	2,635,000	2,087,000	-	173,000	375,000	-	-
Miscellaneous Damages/Repairs	75,000	58,000	-	6,000	-	-	11,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,977,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,684,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 190,000</b>	<b>\$ 375,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,716,000</b>	<b>\$ 11,000</b>
<b>Roadway Culvert Upgrades and Debris Basin Cleanouts/Modifications</b>							
<b>Transportation</b>							
Road Culvert Inlet Upgrades	\$ 920,000	\$ 820,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Transportation Subtotal</b>	<b>920,000</b>	<b>820,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Flood Control</b>							
Debris Basin Cleanout	11,248,000	428,000	8,008,000	-	-	-	2,812,000
<b>Flood Control Subtotal</b>	<b>11,248,000</b>	<b>428,000</b>	<b>8,008,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,812,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,168,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,248,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,008,000</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,812,000</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,145,000</b>	<b>\$ 9,932,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,008,000</b>	<b>\$ 290,000</b>	<b>\$ 375,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,716,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,823,000</b>



**ATTACHMENT D**  
**County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works**  
**STATUS OF ROAD CLOSURES**

**Currently 13 road closures and 0 planned road closures. Last Closure reported on: 03/02/2010 07:17:45 AM**

*\* Parking Restrictions/Observe Signs*

<b>CURRENT ROAD CLOSURES</b>					
<b>Street - From / To</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Closed On ▼</b>	<b>Estimated Reopening</b>	<b>SD</b>
ANGELES FOREST HY from BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD to 1 MILE S/O UPPER BIG T	ROAD CLOSED. ONLY OPEN TO CONTRACTORS, RESIDENTS. & EMERGENCY VEHICLES	DUE TO MUD AND DEBRIS AND ROAD REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5
BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD from VOGEL FLATS RD to ANGELES FOREST HY	ROAD CLOSED. ONLY OPEN TO CONTRACTORS, RESIDENTS. & EMERGENCY VEHICLES	DUE TO MUD AND DEBRIS AND ROAD REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5
MT WILSON RED BOX RD from VIDEO RD to ANGELES CREST HY	ROAD CLOSED. ONLY OPEN TO CONTRACTORS, RESIDENTS. & EMERGENCY VEHICLES	DUE TO MUD AND DEBRIS AND ROAD REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5
UPPER BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD from ANGELES CREST HY to ANGELES FOREST HY	ROAD CLOSED. ONLY OPEN TO CONTRACTORS, RESIDENTS. & EMERGENCY VEHICLES	DUE TO MUD AND DEBRIS AND ROAD REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5
ANGELES FOREST HY from ALISO CYN RD to 1 MILE S/O UPPER BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD	ROAD CLOSED. ONLY OPEN TO CONTRACTORS, RESIDENTS. & EMERGENCY VEHICLES	DUE TO MUD AND DEBRIS AND ROAD REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5
RAMBLA PACIFICO RD. BETWEEN LAS FLORES RD. AND MM 0.82 NORTH OF AZURELEE DR.	ROAD CLOSED	ROAD CLOSED DUE TO A ROAD FAILURE BETWEEN MM 0.69 AND MM 0.80, NEAR HN 2053	02-05-2010	06-30-2010	3
BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD from LA CITY LINE to VOGELS FLATS RD	ROAD CLOSED. ONLY OPEN TO CONTRACTORS, RESIDENTS. & EMERGENCY VEHICLES	DUE TO MUD AND DEBRIS AND ROAD REPAIRS	01-26-2010	TBD	5
STONYVALE RD from 1200' WEST OF VOGEL FLATS RD to 4000' WEST OF VOGEL FLATS RD	ROAD CLOSED. ONLY OPEN TO CONTRACTORS, RESIDENTS. & EMERGENCY VEHICLES	DUE TO MUD AND DEBRIS AND ROAD REPAIRS	01-21-2010	TBD	5
ANGELES FOREST HY from ANGELES CREST HY to BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD	ROAD CLOSED	CLOSED DUE TO STORM DAMAGE	01-17-2010	TBD	5
CHANEY TRAIL NORTH OF ALTA LOMA AT GATE.	ROAD CLOSED	CLOSED - OPEN TO RESIDENTS AND PERMITTEES ONLY- FOR ACCESS INFORMATION CONTACT THE USFS AT 626 821-6700	08-26-2009	TBD	
AVENUE C from 30TH STREET WEST to SIERRA HY	ROAD CLOSED	ROAD CLOSED DUE TO PAVEMENT FAILURE	04-02-2009	TBD	5
AUDIO RD from MT WILSON RED BOX RD to MT WILSON CR	ROAD CLOSED	CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND NO EXPECTED DATE TO OPEN.	08-03-2006	TBD	5
VIDEO RD from MT WILSON RED BOX RD to AUDIO RD	ROAD CLOSED	CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND NO EXPECTED DATE TO OPEN.	08-03-2006	TBD	5